Compensation to the oustees in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh

2222. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether cash compensation is being given as an alternative to land-based rehabilitation to the SSP dam oustees in Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the provision of NWDT are being changed; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the reasons for such gross change?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) to (c) The land based Resettlement and Rehabilitation (R&R) policy as stipulated by Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal (NWDT) Award is being implemented by the concerned State Governments namely Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat.

No cash compensation is being given by Government of Gujarat in lieu of land. In case of Madhya Pradesh, the Project Affected Families (PAFs) entitled to land for land are being offered land, as per provision contained in NWDT Award. In the event, if PAFs are unwilling to take the land offered by the State Government and give their choice consent for cash in lieu of offered land to purchase the land of their own choice, then only cash is being offered by Government as per set procedure for purchase of land by the oustee himself.

The provision of cash in lieu of land to the Madhya Pradesh PAFs, keeping in view their choice, is an additional liberalized R&R package by Government of Madhya Pradesh and is over and above the NWDT Award.

Foreign loans for anti-sea erosion in Karnataka

2223. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Karnataka has submitted a comprehensive master plan for obtaining external fund for undertaking various Anti-sea Erosion Schemes in the State;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and